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God's Armor

For the 21st Century



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God,

*I give you all the glory, honor, and praise
for all that you have done in, to, and through, my life.
Thank you for Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.*

*To my wife, in this 28th year together,
thank you for all your prayers.*

*To my daughters, my love for you goes beyond words.
Many blessings to you both.*

*To my grandsons, it is a great joy to be Blessed
with your unconditional love.*

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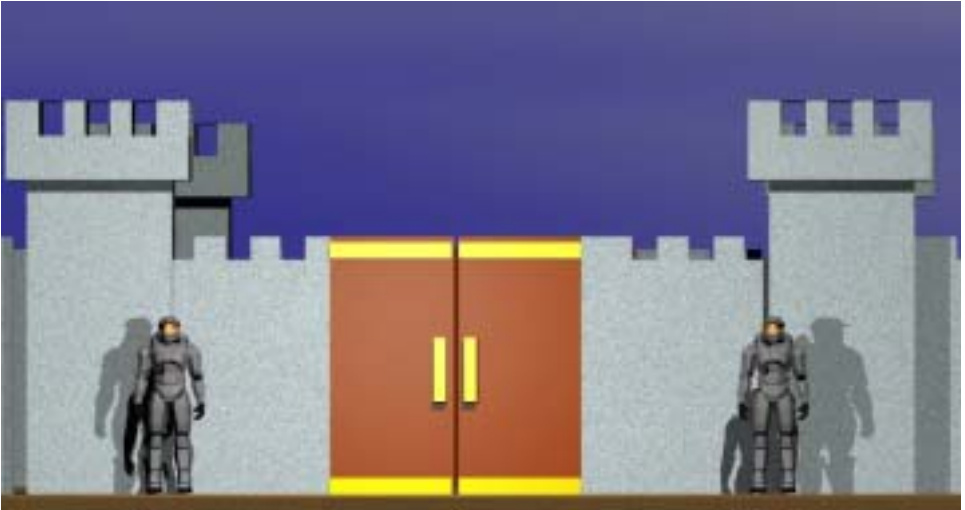
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INTRODUCTION

God's Armor directs the reader how to have a spiritual attitude, spiritual mind, spiritual heart, spiritual speech, spiritual ears, and spiritual eyesight; it also covers why every Christian should go through Boot Camp to be a soldier in God's army. It focuses on each component in God's armor as written in Ephesians 6:10-18 and how to use the armor against strongholds of today that never existed 2000 years ago. **God's Armor For The 21st Century** is a tremendously creative twist on using God's Armor.



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THE 21st Century Battle...

I wrote this book to help you learn to deal with the pressures of everyday life. It is designed to help you understand what you are fighting against so you will be better equipped for the battle. In my own life, I've dealt with numerous public and private, tests, trials and tribulations, and I've had to wear God's armor or I wouldn't be sitting here today. The battle in our time is no different than when Michael the Archangel fought Satan and his army in Heaven. The only things that have changed are (1) the tools satan is using; (2) the soldiers he's fighting, because he's not in Heaven.

In order to be useful in service to God in church or in ministry, which is our battlefield, we must be faithful, filled with the Holy Spirit and functioning. Having these elements help us meet life's problems head on with the spiritual tools necessary to bring about deliverance. Problems such as: Rebellious or runaway children; homeless, foreclosure or facing eviction; health and mental issues; incarcerated spouses or family members; pregnant teens; healing from slavery, segregation and generational curses; chemical addiction; prostitution; homosexuality; prejudice; war stress; divorce, death; displaced through natural disasters; and healing from physical, sexual, or emotional abuse; and many, many other tools satan is using to try and run us off the battlefield and away from God.

There are **7** parts to God's armor, and I've included **11** tips on how to use them. I pray that you use them to establish, or strengthen, the protection around yourself so you will start winning the war. If you're a soldier in God's Army, stay on the battlefield, we've already won the war, but we still have to fight the battle. And you'll need God's armor the whole time. I pray that once you've learned what to do, you will help others do the same. I thank God and give Him glory for using my gifts to put this book together. In the Mighty Name of Jesus, -Amen.

WHO IS IN GOD'S ARMY?



Every person who believes that God is God, that Jesus is God's Son, confesses that Jesus is Lord, and believes in their heart that Jesus was born, bled, died for our sins, and was raised to life by God is a soldier in God's Army.

Although we are all supposed to be, unfortunately ALL Christians are not saved, and therefore are not a soldier God's Army. Matthew 25:41-46 says plainly that unless we put our faith into action and do the ministry work He has clearly defined for us, everyone who has faith without works, is already dead.

Although there is a national organization named Salvation Army, this name most accurately describes the hundreds of millions, if not billions of saved Christians who battle satan daily for themselves, and to offer the free gift of salvation to people who are still unsaved in this dying world.

Understanding who we are fighting is the first step to winning the battle. The enemy is satan. He is unseen, older, slicker, and more cunning than humans. The upper hand that every Christian has over satan is that through the transforming power of God's Word, the guiding of the Holy Spirit, and the exposing power of the truth of the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, satan has no power over us. There are many battle lines and many weapons of war, but they all have the same purpose: to expose and destroy every stronghold satan has established in the lives of Christians, and unsaved people, all over the world.

Every soldier in God's Army is needed now, in the time we live in, but will also be needed when Jesus returns to finally and forever, put an end to sin. So, ask yourself this question: **Are you a member of God's Army?** Remember, faith and works are requirements, so go to church and do ministry work.

WHAT IS GOD'S ARMOR?



God's armor is seven parts of God's divine character that make up a whole. We'll look at it piece by piece, but first, I want to start by reminding you who the enemy is. Satan is the enemy. He is intent on destroying any chance we have at salvation. He is unseen. He works in people. He is a demon. He has an army of demons.

Jesus walked around with God's armor on, ready to battle satan daily. He exposed the devil every chance He got because doing so destroys strongholds satan has or is trying to establish. We must do the same in every aspect of our lives. God's armor will help. How?

Expose the enemy's strongholds. Everyone has some issues we need to work on. These issues may be strongholds the devil established in our lives that need to be destroyed. Issues such as lying, stealing, cheating, hatred, rage, lust, jealousy, selfish ambition, envy, drunkenness, etc. Do you have any?

Expose the enemy's attacks. In Matthew 4, when satan tempted Jesus, Jesus responded with God's Word as part of God's armor for His defense. Ephesians 6, verse (11) says, put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. (12) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, authorities, and powers of this dark world, and against evil. (13) Put on the full armor of God, so that when evil comes you can stand your ground. How has satan attacked you?

Expose the enemy's distractions. It is not other human beings we fight against, it is satan and his demons. Without God's armor protecting us, we fall. Fall to what? Schemes such as making us believe we are fighting against people. But once you've learned to defeat each scheme the devil throws at you, you will stand in VICTORY!

EXPOSE ALL THE SCHEMES OF THE DEVIL

Ephesians 6:17...And take the **helmet of salvation**

The helmet identifies us as soldiers chosen to be in God's army. It could have been called anything else other than the helmet of salvation, but it's called that because it is our crown of life! Salvation is what keeps us alive in this war!



The helmet helps us remember who it is we are representing in the war. God is the President, Jesus is the general, and we are the army. Every army that goes to war, fights to win. Revelation 12:7-8 says there was a war in Heaven. Michael (the archangel) and his angels fought against the dragon (satan), and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he (the dragon) was not strong enough, and they lost their place in Heaven.

The helmet helps us remember what we will lose if we don't even fight.

The helmet keeps us protected from thoughts that enter our mind each day that are not from God. The devil wants to keep us distracted from thinking about God, hearing God, seeing God working in our lives each day. If he can keep our minds distracted, he's won the battle. Our job, as soldiers, is to remember our salvation each day by starting the day thanking God for it; and to let Christ control our thoughts, not the devil.

THE HELMET REMINDS US THAT WE ARE SAVED



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Brother Keith is a born again Christian. He is a Spirit-led man of God, teacher and author. His life has been transformed from things such as pride and prison to passion and purpose.

God is the author of the Bible. It is meant to be our instruction manual, our roadmap home. Without it, we are lost. Use the information in these books to help you and others.

God destroys the darkness behind us, to direct us toward our destiny ahead. So whatever you do on your journey, never turn back. God bless you in your walk with Christ. Amen.

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